

# Best Practice Training: Health Impact Assessments

As our nation works to address chronic disease epidemics and rising healthcare costs, there is increasing recognition that conditions outside the health sector (in areas such as land use, transportation, housing, parks, education, and agriculture) have a huge influence on health outcomes. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services is pleased to host a training on how communities can begin using Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) to better inform decisions made in these areas about the likely effects on health of proposed projects or policies.

This training is being held in partnership with the Douglas County Health Department and will be led by Human Impact Partners, one of the premier HIA practitioners in the U.S.

## Training Details:

Two tracks are available for this training:

1. **Half Day Overview** (Monday morning, August 27th)
2. **Two Day Intensive** (Monday, August 27th - Tuesday, August 28)

The **Half Day Overview** is geared toward understanding what an HIA is (and isn't) and why it is being widely supported as a best practice. It will emphasize how HIAs can be used to foster collaboration between public health and other sectors to better inform decisions. Nebraska case studies will be used for the discussion.

The **Two Day Intensive** includes the Overview but builds upon it by allowing health departments and their partners to start putting knowledge into practice by working through the first steps of an HIA — preferably for a proposal under consideration in their own community. Only a few communities will be selected to attend the Two Day Intensive.

**Cost:** Both tracks are free. [Note: Due to federal requirements regarding purchasing food, lunch can only be provided for the Two Day Intensive participants].

**Location:** Country Inn and Suites, 5353 N. 27th Street, Lincoln, NE

## To Register for the Half Day Overview or Learn More about the Two Day Intensive:

Email Brian Coyle and Andy Wessel at [brian.coyle@nebraska.gov](mailto:brian.coyle@nebraska.gov) and [andy.wessel@douglascounty-ne.gov](mailto:andy.wessel@douglascounty-ne.gov)

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For more information on HIAs, please visit the follow websites:

Human Impact Partners: [www.humanimpact.org](http://www.humanimpact.org)

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: [www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation & Pew Charitable Trusts: [www.healthimpactproject.org](http://www.healthimpactproject.org)